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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL laying down specific and temporary measures in view of the COVID-19 outbreak concerning the renewal or extension of certain certificates, licences and authorisations and the postponement of certain periodic checks and periodic training in certain areas of transport legislation, for reference periods subsequent to those referred to in Regulation (EU) 2020/698 **(first reading)** - Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act - Decision to derogate from the 8-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national parliaments in the EU

1. On 18 January 2021 the Commission sent its proposal[1], based on Articles 91 and 100(2) TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 27 January 2021[2] .

3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.

4. The European Parliament will adopt its position at first reading on the Commission proposal at its plenary on 8-11 February 2021.

[1] Doc. 5266/21.
[2] Not yet published in the OJ.

5. In view of the urgency of the matter, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision (EU) 2021/26[3], that the Council uses the written procedure:

- for the adoption of the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific and temporary measures in view of the COVID-19 outbreak concerning the renewal or extension of certain certificates, licences and authorisations and the postponement of certain periodic checks and periodic training in certain areas of transport legislation, for reference periods subsequent to those referred to in Regulation (EU) 2020/698, as set out in document PE- CONS 2/21[4]; and

- for the decision to derogate, on the basis of the second subparagraph of Article 3(3) of the Council´s Rules of Procedure, from the eight-week period referred to in the first subparagraph of that Article.

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[3] Council Decision (EU) 2021/26 of 12 January 2021 further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, and extended by Decisions (EU) 2020/556, (EU) 2020/702, (EU) 2020/970, (EU) 2020/1253 and (EU) 2020/1659, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 11, 14.1.2021, p. 19–20).

[4] PE-CONS 2/21 will be available in due time.